Literary Department.

MRS. F. V. POWERS, - . - EDITHESS.

Ladies, and gentlemen also, are invited to contribute arti-tes for this department, upon subjects which will be of inter-tion this general reader—such as the bosse, the garden, suith, dier, dress, cultime of route and dovers, education, at anything which will tend to instruct and elevate hamman—

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For the VARMORY PARKER. THOU ART AS THE SMADOW OF A GREAT ROCK IN A WEARY LAND."

B'r R. D. W. Help me, Lord | My path is dreary ! O, give me Thy hand I am sonely, faint and weary,

In a far-off land, Show me, Lord, thy loving favor Give me of Thy grace, That in every true endeavor I may see Thy face.

Then, when I have reached death's portal,

Holding still Thy hand, Thou wilt give me life immortal,

In the better land.

Only Thou can'st save;

And we, in imitation of the night,

Draw close the curtains on the gloomy sight

As night has hung her lanterns in the skies,

Fit emblem of the feeble strength of man,

Kindle upon the hearth the glowing fire,

And let the flames of holy love and truth

The evening hours, with footsteps fiving fast,

The rich experience bought with many teams,

And looking on the records of the day, I know more fully "all must pass away."

All joy, all sorrow, all material things Are like the butterfly with palated wings.

Yet naught is lost; all nature's forms decay-

But still each in its season decks the earth

With all the beauties of a higher birth.

Then may my lamp burn low at eventide,

Or, like the candle flames that nightly burn

BY SUB BOSA.

Around the old homestead at Christmas, each year

The dear little circle of children that gathered

How oft to the parents, bowed down in their sorro

These words are repeated, "Tis wall with the whild. But hearts rent like Rashel's no comfort can borrow, When home is bereft, and when joy is exiled.

her, So joyful she welcomed their coming, each spring;

ill unto the waters of death they shall come.

"WHEN COMPANY COMES."

"There, Jenny, this is all right now."

satisfaction in her voice as she said :

side door, muttering to himself.

bread and fried meat.

little of his time at home.

pink dress for ?"

For the Vernost Panner.

Yield from affliction's fires a pure return.

The lamp burns low, and mem're brings her part-

Are on those pages of the book of life, Whose lines we cherish through our worldly strife

imitate Jehovah's mighty plan

Within its precincts les no shadows come.

Shut out her presence from our peaceful home

putting away the pretriest and best of averything to save for company.

It is strange how Mr Lane could have been in a pleasant mood when his coffee such folks live about as it happens when Lift from me this load of serrow, Hardest to be borne; Bid me, ere 'tis yet to-morrow, was muddy-it wasn't worth the while to alone." Daughter, cease to moura! Jesus! sweetest name in heaven Dearest name on earth; Even the new hirth ! have been in a pleasant mood, but he ute in silence.

smiled and looked kindly at his wife one "You would be surprised." Mrs Darling Oh! I need thee, Savior hely "Need Thee every hour : Thy mission was to save the lowly-Use for me that power.
Bid my tears to cease from flowing.
O, Thou Matchless One i
Turo' all time Thy beauties showing.

room an hour later,

Thou can'st make me triumph ever. Victor o'er the grave. absence just as when she was at home, to let alone the saucers and sweetmeats and all For the VERMONT PARKER THE LIGHT FROM THE EVENING LAMP the dainties which she kept for visitorsshe had looked to them and knew they would take no harm before her return—and BY STEER WAY WILLIAMSON. Night sattles over earth, and cold and chill to be sure and not use any of the 'company The wind comes sweeping o'er the shadowed hill;

She and Mrs Darling had been very dear friends in their girlhood and, unlike many others, had kept warm their mutual attachment after they were married.

Their husbands were chums at college, had begun life at the same time and under similar circumstances, and were now both of them doing a good and successful business. Mrs Darling had two daughters of about the same ages as Jenny and Fanny Lane, and then there were three younger children, black-eyed, fun-loving boys.

"Nellie is at home," Mrs Lane had said to her husband, "for she wrote to me last week : and I believe I shan't send her word that I am coming, it will be so much pleas-

anter to give her a surprise." cars at the end of her journey, and taking a coach she went at once to her friend's home. "The front rooms are lighted," she exclaimed to herself with some consternation as she stopped at the door, "so of course they have company; I should so much rather have found them alone. Oh. dear." Mrs Darling opened the door herself, ush-

ering her friend into the library, and the two exchanged greetings with all the warmth of their younger days.

They were so occupied that Mrs Lane quite forgot her first impressions until she went out to the dining-room to partake of the

tea which Mrs Darling assured her was in Then when the cheerful murmur of happy

Mathinks a'an the flowers in the woudlands will miss

to more bounding forth with her dear little sister.
Her sweet, childlike voice will in merriment ring. Good-bye, little Gertle! Long shall we regret thee, Though thy innocent soul has so early gone home. Thy parents and playmates can never ferget thee,

They had been clearing and re-arranging came in from his office, and as they sat down their luxuriant parlor, and now that the to the neatly laid table in the shaded diningwork was done, the last particle of dust removed and everything set back in place, Mrs Lane looked about her with the utmost room Mrs Lane thought she had never see a happier circle or eaten a better meal, though there was nothing sumptuous placed before complaicency and there was a world of them.

"There, Jenny, this is all right now. "Nellie," said she when they were left Drop the curtains, and then the room will slone, "I told you not to go to making comber ready for company any time;" and she when they were left slone, "I told you not to go to making combany of me. I did not want you to get out went out, closing the door behind her your best dishes nor put yourself to the least trouble on my account.

"It is exactly what I have not done, Ma Left alone, Jenny dropped upon a sofa opposite a large mirror, and looking around ris." she replied with a smile, "because I the room with its graceful appointments, never do it for anybody."
she sighed heavily saying to herself, "It is pleasant here with the beautiful sunshine take more pains for a guest than for my

streaming in. I do wish we could sit here husband and children. "We occupy the pleasantest room ou part of the time instead of always staying "We occupy the pleasantest room our-in those little dingy back rooms. I believe selves because we feel better when our surwe should all feel better; but then, mother roundings are cheerful, and we always predon't think so," and she rose wearily to pare our food and set our table carefully

darken the room.

An hour later Mr Lane strode rapidly joyable. and neatly, our meals are so much more enup the gravelled walk, with all the haste "Then I let my company take me jus

which a hungry business man feels when as I am, sure if they come to see me they approaching his home at dinner-time. will be satisfied to live as I do." "Well, if you can afford to use everything l'urning the knob hurriedly he wheeled impatiently about and walked round to the common and live in style all the time you de door, muttering to himself.

"I wish Maria wouldn't keep forever town," said Mrs Lace, a little sharply. An expression of pain flitted across Mrs. locking that door-as if the front hall was

too good for a man to walk through in his Darling's face when she saw how her friend had misunderstood her, but she went on qui-The dining-room was empty and dark, etly:

and after waiting a few minutes he proceeded to the kitchen where, as he expected, his way. I used to think then I must shut up wife and girls were just setting the dinner the front of the house and keep the best of everything sacred to company; so we occu-The room was bot and uncomfortable pied the smallest, least pleasant room ourand swarming with flies, the floor was dirty selves, used the plainest and homeliest things and the air filled with the odors of burned and even ate our coarsest food when alone."

"The consequence was we were never His brow contracted when he sat down ready to receive company unless in the most to the ill cooked meal that was served formal way, and then it always made a great upon a soiled table cloth beside a hot stove, deal of trouble; we never could appreciate and he bit his lip in vexation that his wife any of those agreeable surprises when our did not think him worthy of any better friends drop in unannounced, and when trytreatment than that. But experience had ing to entertain guests were never so full taught him that remonstrance was foolish- at ease in our strange, unused rooms as really

to enjoy it much. "I told you that I was a going to keep "I thought the matter over and made up the dining-room nice after it was painted my mind that this was all wrong. My dear and fixed up," she explained. husband was doing everything he could to make our home pleasant and attractive,

must go home I was willing to have her while I was just ke ping him from enjoying go so we could shut up the frost part of the home and keep the furniture from to appear well in the eyes of those who fading, and put away the best dishes. I would never thank me for my pains, was never should have anything decent if I making him uncomfortable and worrying out masn't particular with what I've got, and my own life by those who had comparatively that is why I have to be so careful of the best things. I have got the dining room fixed to my admit that my whole life was a faros while mind now and I mean to keep it so as long I was all the time straining every nerve to as I can; we can just as well eat in the make our friends think we were living in a kitchen when there is nobody here but style which we were not, and I saw this

could not be right. "I resolved it should be so no longer; so Mr Lane rushed from the house as soon as he had swallowed his unrelished dinner, I opened the parlor doors and threw back leaving his wife to wonder that he spent so the shutters, used whatever we had of furniture or food or clothing as we needed it for "O. Jenny, what did you put on that our comfort, and when our friends came to visit us I would not allow myself to speil pany. "Then you are not at all difficult to Mrs Lane looked up from her work in my joy at seeing them by doing a lot of extra please," said a lady who sat next to him.

consternation when Jenny came from her work on their account, or worrying all the time lest I should leave something undone that might make them think a little better "Your old calico is plenty good enough to wear—when there is nobody here, and do you go and take this right off and hang

of me.
"Of course it seemed odd enough and came rather hard at first, but I was satisfied it away until we have company."
"I won't hurt it any, mother," the girl replied hesitatingly. "I am sure we want to look well for ourselves, and I think it was the best way and so I kept schooling myself into it till in a little while I wondered how I had ever done otherwise. father likes to see us fixed up a little some-"I was always ready for company now. and always ready to receive my husband with a smiling face to a pleasant and orderly

"Nouscase, child. Do as I tell you; and don't you put that on again unless there is somebody here; it is setting Fanny a bad example, and I won't encourage such since the first year, and I never half enjoyed

Days and weeks went by and the sum-"The effect upon our children is much betmer slipped into autumn, while the Lanes were still pursuing the even tenor of their how things were if there were no visitors, way save now and then when they were fur they learn now how to behave with projostled aside a little by the advent of pricty at all times, and how to use carefully those things that are worth preserving. But they always fell back on their old "I always pity people when I see then habits as soon as the company had gone, shutting up their pleasantest rooms and company, pity them for the thankless labor

make anything nice for one's own folks— Mrs Lane's face had changed expression when the toest was burned and the break-several times as she listened, and when her fast table looked so shabby with its old friend ceased speaking she gazed at a picture eracked dishes, it is strange how he could on the wall opposite her for a full half min-

smitted and looked kindly at his wife one morning proposing what she loved to hear best of anything, that she should go to a neighboring village and spend a week with her dear old friend, Mrs Darling.

"The girls are so large they can get along very well without you for a few days," he said; "then I will take them and some along very well without you for a few days," he said; "then I will take them and some pinching ourselves in the vain effort to make

he said; "then I will take them and after you, so we will all have a little recreation." This makes our table expenses actually "This makes our table expenses actually The preparations were speedily made and Mrs Lane departed, having charged her daughters to do everything in her jou will see.

"Good, substantial furniture will last long time with a little care, even when in constant use; and if our expenses in this particular are a little more than those of our aeighbors who keep everything for company, I am sure our greater happiness much more than compensates," stroking little George's bright head tenderly as he came up to her with some childish request.

The subject was dropped here, but in the

few days that Mrs Lane remained with her friend she thought the matter over a great many times.

It was hard for her to realize that she saw the family just as they always were in their common, everyday life; that with them there was no such thing as "company manners" or

"company things."
"I enjoyed my visit a great deal better though than if I had made thom turn aside their beaten track," she admitted; "and I believe they do, too." "Wonder if Mr Lane loves me as Mr Dar

ling seems to love his wife," she would query; "or if our children think as much of their father and mother as theirs do. "How devoted to each other they all are;

one would think they each regarded the other members of the family as the very best of compuny;" and one day she even went so fur as to ask herself, "Why shouldn't they ?"

seemed to enjoy it, she almost represented the stemment of the stemment and the stemment an

will rest us a little."

When Mr Lane came home to dinner the is eligible to that position? ishment was still greater as he passed on into the dining-room and found a tempting dinner waiting there with plates for only four.

"I thought we would begin to eat these a surge number of farmers' wives and daugh-

Mrs Lane, as she passed the dish to her hus- ute articles that would be interesting and band, "instead of keeping them to spoil as instructive. Let the farmers' sons respond as we did last."

had gone out, wondering in his heart what is small business for them to write for had come over his wife.

"I think we wont use these cracked fragments of so many different sets of crockery any more, at least on the table. I believe the digner tastes better when eaten from the white dishes, and there are enough for ourselves and company too; we can be a little careful of them you know." "Expecting anybody to-night?" queried

Mr Lane at tea, glancing at his wife's fresh dress and nicely comed hair. "Yes," she replied pleasantly, "I hoped my husband would spend the evening with

He did not need any urging; and after that he spent more of his evenings at home, and seemed to enjoy the society of his wife and daughters better than ever before. "I am doing as I told you I should," Mrs Lane wrote to her friend Mrs Darling Mr Lane seems to love his home as well as gether to make home cheerful. your husband does his now, and we are all

a month afterward, "and it works charmingly thousand fold happier. I feel as if our triends enjoy coming to see us a great deal better than they used to, too. I assure you we shall never go back to the old way of living, we are so much happier now than SILENT MEALS.—From time immemorial, almost, it has been taught by all writers on

in cheerful conversation and laughter, and by all means to avoid eating in silence. Recently, we are told by a writer who adjusted to the screws. seems desirous of gaining notorioty by makwell eaton and digested must be taken in silence. He believes in the Bible doctrine, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," and so would have us devote our whole attention to the matter of eating while engaged in taking food.

give a receipt for making good black ink? I trimmings. haven't seen any that was real jet black for years. We get tired of buying pale, frozen how much we can see that God has done for looking liquid, and prefer violet to that; but us to enjoy, and our hearts overflow with black is much the best. ANNIE.

-"I always sing to please myself," said a ering upon us. gentleman who was hurrying a tune incom-

For the VERNONT FARMER. A Sad Case of Drowning.

Somewhere on the broad earth events are LINIMENTS! daily taking place that remind us more foreibly than circumstances of everylay occurrence of the truth of the too elten forgottee saying, "In the midst of life we are in death." One of these events occurred in Lincoln, which not only served to impress all minds with the uncertainty of life, but so and was it that it shooked the entire community and awakened the sympathy of all for the families so suddenly called to more. the families so suddenly called to moure.
On Wednesday, the 19th inst, two little

boys, Wallace, aged thirteen, oldest son of and eight months, youngest child of George Garland, were drowned in the river under the following circumstances. The older boy had that day been absent from school, though part of the time remaining about the school house, and a few minutes before the noon ment will cure, all of them it will benefit ntermission, when little-Jimmy was allowed done he found Wallace at the door, and in company with another little boy, was per-suaded to cross the river to see a white rab-

The boys attempted to cross on the ice just above O. Butterfield's mill pond where a swift current prevents the formation of ice in a narrow channel, but blocks of ice floating from above had lodged in this channel and lay heaped and crowded together, and here, by some strange fatality, the boys thought to cross, though ten feet further down the ice was sound and might have been down the ice was sound and might have been crossed with perfect safety. The third boy everal prices for it. nentioned crossed the channel, but the weight of the others partially capaiged the block of ice on which they steed, and Wallace was thrown into the river. At this moment Mr John Clark, passing along the moment Mr John Clark, passing along the animal creation. Its effects upon severe cases of road at the river's edge, saw the peril of the animal creation. Its effects upon severe cases of apavin, sweetny, wind-gall, big-bead and poll-evil are boys and rushed to their rescue. The boy on the opposite side of the channel had Messry J. McClure & Co. Druggists, cor. Eim and The "Patron Washer!" around Jimmy and in another moment he of horses and mutes." too was struggling in the cold river. With all possible speed Mr Clark hastened toward them, but when within five feet of the fittal spot a block of ice sweet against them carspot a block of ice swept against them carrying both boys under the ice and all hope twenty times its met.

rescue was vain. A search for the bodies was immediately tory of commenced, and that of the Briggs boy was found after a few hours; but from one to two hundred men worked all that afternoon cutting and floating away the ice, and all night watch was kept with lanterns, lest the body might float over the dam. In the morning search was resumed and it was not until nearly noon that the little body was found and restored to the agonizing family. The mourning families have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

Lincoln, January 31 1876. E. A. J. For the VERNORT FARMER. A Welcome Visitor.

Though we are basking in a semi-tropical sun, far from the ice-bound hills of Ver-Mr Lane and the girls came at length to moot, the FARMER pays us weekly visits. It spend the last day of her visit with her; and when Mrs Lane saw how thoroughly they for it to travel the fifteen hundred miles into travel the fifteen hundred miles into the same of Castoria. Castoria is as pleasant to take as honey, regulates the stomach and bowels, and does not gripe. It is afraid our meager life will seem emptier than battle of life amid the piercing winds sweeping over the hills and dales of Vermont.

The two friends were sitting in the library I see by the FARMER that the grander alone that last night, whither they had gone order ever instituted for the social, moral voices floated out through the open parlor for a confidential chat after the others had doors her first impression returned to her, retired. still moving onward in Vermont. Falter Warst his horse implements, is superior to at

of doors her first impression returned to her, and looking up she said:

"You have company to-night, Nelly?"
You must not let me keep you from them any longer."

"Yes, the best of company," replied Mrs Darling with a smile, "my husband and children. Fred has just gone out though, but he will be back by the time you have finished your teas, and then you shall see them all. Let me fill your cup again."

"How odd," thought Mrs Lane, "that she should open the parlor just for her own family."

The evening passed pleasantly; and in the house seemed full was very refreshing. The morning when Mrs Lane arose, the air of comforts with which every bright room in the house seemed full was very refreshing. The morning meal was a simple one, but its tasteful arrangement made it very inviteing, and Mrs Lane partook of it with a keener reliah than she had known for many a week.

Dinner was all ready when Mr Darling to the part of th

next day he was surprised to see the front | One by one new contributors have been oor standing invitingly open, and his aston- added to your list, until it has been demon pickles while they are good this year," said | ters in the state amply qualified to contril to the editress' invitation to write for this "This is such a pudding as Nellie makes department. Can it be of all the young and sometimes," filing Jenny's saucer; "isn't it stalwart men engaged in agriculture in nice? and it's not at all expensive." mont, that there are none able to wield mont, that there are none able to wield the "I think, girls," she said when Mr Lane pen as well as the scythe, or do they think it ladies' department?

F. EUGENE RICHARD. Woodland, Fla., January 31.

For the VERMONT FARMER

Make Home Cheerful.

DEAR EDITRESS: I too have a strong desire to join the band of writers for the FARMER and if I may be admitted I can truly say, I shall be most happy to be numbered with those who utter such pure and noble sentiments.

I have never written for a paper and dared not attempt it, fearing my "wits" would be cast aside as worthless; but I am going to try. I can do no more than fail, I think the correspondents have done us ever so much good by telling us how to cook, clean house, take care of flowers and a great many more useful things that all work to-

I have been very much interested in the articles on dress, and I think they are very sensible people who write on that subject, if they practice what they preach. How much more cheerful our homes would look it the mothers would use the extra time it takes when we thought we must save everything and their children's to make some fancy or to make the trimmings on their garments useful article to place upon the center table or hang upon the walls, such as evergreen wreathes and frames. Evergreen makes health that a hearty laugh is promotive of very pretty frames. Braid a long strip of digestion; hence, people have been exhorted tree evergreen, fasten the picture to the wall cultivate sociability at meals, to ungage and place a screw at each corner at such a distance from the picture as will leave a suitable margin when the wreath is properly

If mothers would spend less time on dres ing startling statements, that a meal to be they could have more time to walk out with leaves, and trees, and flowers, and you may depend upon it they will be better pleased and remember it longer than they would a fashionably trimmed dress. Besides cheering them it would be much more healthful for you to go into the pure air than to sit in the Will some of the readers of the Farmer bouse and fret yourselves over ruffles and

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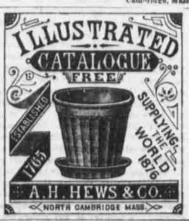


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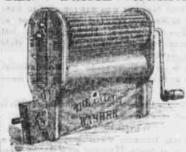
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